

## AMENDMENTS

Please enter the following amendment without prejudice or disclaimer.

### In the specification:

Please substitute the following for paragraph 3 beginning on page 37, line 23 and ending on page 38, line 2:

As stated above, any ISS-containing polynucleotide described herein may be used, such as, for example, any polynucleotide comprising any of the following ISS: the sequence 5'-cytosine, guanine-3', the sequence 5'-T, C, G-3', the sequence 5'-C, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, G-3', the sequence 5'-purine, purine, C, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, G-3', the sequence 5'-purine, purine, C, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, C-3'; the sequence SEQ ID NO:1; the sequence 5'-purine, purine, B, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine-3' wherein B is 5-bromocytosine or the sequence 5'-purine, purine, B, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, G-3' wherein B is 5-bromocytosine.

## REMARKS

This amendment to the specification is made to correct a typographical error.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with marking to show changes made."**

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned representative so that prosecution may be expedited.

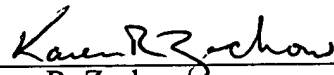
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